

## ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

The Fourth Annual Arthur A. Allen Award for distinguished service to ornithology was presented to Alexander Wetmore on 17 October 1970 by the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology.

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Harry C. Monk, Johnsen A. Neff, George M. Sutton, and Gordon Wilson were added this year to the list of 50-year members of the Society.

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We have learned of the recent death in an automobile accident of James Fisher, one of the English-speaking world's most well-known ornithologists.

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### FROM THE AOU

At its annual meeting in Buffalo, New York on 5 October 1970 the AOU elected the following officers:

Robert W. Storer, President	Richard C. Banks, Secretary
S. Charles Kendeigh, First Vice-President	Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Treasurer
Joseph J. Hickey, Second Vice-President	Oliver L. Austin, Jr., Editor

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The Eastern Bird Banding Association announces that it will again make an award of \$250 to a student, undergraduate or graduate, who uses bird banding in an ornithological study. The deadline for applications for the award must be received prior to 25 February 1971. Further information can be obtained from, and applications should be submitted to: Mrs. Roger W. Foy, Secretary, Eastern Bird Banding Association, Box 164, Ship Bottom, New Jersey 08008.

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The Faculty of Zoology and the Office of International Programs of The Ohio State University announce plans for a study tour to Kenya and Tanzania entitled, "Ecological and Biogeographic Problems in East Africa" to be held in the Spring Quarter of 1971. Up to 15 quarter hours of credit can be earned. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Abbot S. Gaunt, Academic Faculty of Zoology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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The United States National Museum has recently been divided into two separate Museums, the National Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of History and Technology, both bureaus of the Smithsonian Institution.

The U. S. National Museum now consists only of the Office of the Registrar, Administrative and Exhibit Offices.

Because all national biological and paleontological specimens (including those of the

former Biological and Geological Surveys, and Fish and Wildlife Service) have been and still are accessioned through the Office of the Registrar, it is appropriate to continue the designation, USNM, for specimens in all Smithsonian Museums.

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During the second half of 1971 the bird collections of the British Museum (Natural History) will be moved from London to the Zoological Museum, Tring, Hertfordshire. The earliest stages of the move will begin about April, and from then until the move is completed it will not be possible for the museum to provide all the usual facilities for visitors or to send out loans from all parts of the collection. For a period of several weeks in the second half of the year it will be necessary to close the collection to visitors.

The collection will be re-housed in what was the Rothschild Museum at Tring, to which a substantial new wing is being added.

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#### LOUIS AGASSIZ FUERTES RESEARCH GRANTS

These grants, established in 1947, are devoted to the encouragement and stimulation of young ornithologists. One particular desire is the development of research interests among amateur ornithologists. Any kind of ornithological research may be aided. Recipients of grants need not be associated with academic organizations. Each proposal is considered primarily on the basis of possible contributions to ornithological knowledge.

An anonymous donor gave \$500 to found the fund; later donors have provided additional money. The Council of the Wilson Ornithological Society has added funds as necessary to provide at least one \$100 grant annually. Two grants have been made in several recent years; last year the grants were for \$200 and \$100.

Although grantees are not required to publish their studies in *The Wilson Bulletin*, it is hoped that they will submit their manuscripts to the Editor of the *Bulletin* for consideration.

Since its inception, the Fuertes Research Grant has been awarded to 29 persons, many of whom have continued their research work.

Application forms may be obtained from Val Nolan, Jr., Department of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Completed applications must be received by 1 March 1971.

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A new award of \$100 annually, to be known as the Margaret Morse Nice Award, has been made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor of \$500 to the Wilson Ornithological Society. Candidates for this award are limited to persons not affiliated with a college or university. Interested persons should write to Val Nolan, address given above.